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In CIVITATE LIBERA LINGUAM MENTEMQUE LIBERAS ESSE DEBERE.——*Suet.* in *Tib.* S. 28.

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VIRGINIA.

AT a respectable Meeting of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Westmoreland, assembled, on due Notice, at the Courthouse of the said County, on Wednesday the 22d of June 1774, the Reverend Mr. Thomas Smith being first unanimously chosen Moderator, several Papers, containing the Proceedings of the late House of Burgesses of this Colony, and the subsequent Determinations of the late Representatives after the House was dissolved, together with Extracts of several Resolves of the Provinces of Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, &c. being read, the Meeting proceeded seriously to consider the present dangerous and truly alarming Crisis, when Ruin is threatened to the ancient constitutional Rights of North America, and came to the following Resolves:

1st. That to be taxed solely in our provincial Assemblies, by Representatives freely chosen by the People, is a Right that British Subjects in America are entitled to, from natural Justice, from the English Constitution, from Charters, and from a Confirmation of these by Usage, since the first Establishment of these Colonies.

2d. That an Endeavour to force Submission from one Colony, to the Payment of Taxes not so imposed, is a dangerous Attack on the Liberty and Property of British America, and renders it indispensably necessary that all should firmly unite to resist the common Danger.

3d. It is the Opinion of this Meeting, that the Town of Boston, in our Sister Colony of Massachusetts Bay, is now suffering in the common Cause of North America, by having its Harbour blocked up, its Commerce destroyed, and the Property of many of its Inhabitants violently taken from them, until they submit to Taxes not imposed by their Consent; and therefore this Meeting resolve,

4th. That the Inhabitants of this County will most cordially and firmly join with the other Counties in this Colony, and the other Colonies on this Continent, or the Majority of them, after a short Day, hereafter to be agreed on, to stop all Exports to Great Britain and the West Indies, and all Imports from thence, until as well the Act of Parliament, entitled "An Act to discontinue, in such Manner and for such Time as "are therein mentioned, the landing and discharging, lading or shipping "of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, at the Town and within the "Harbour of Boston, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay, in North "America," as the several Acts laying Duties on America for the Purpose of raising a Revenue, and all the Acts of the British Legislature made against our Brothers of Massachusetts Bay, in Consequence of their just Opposition to the said Revenue Acts, are repealed; and it is the Opinion of this Meeting, that such a non-importing and non-exporting Plan should be quickly entered upon, as well on the evident Principle of Self Preservation, as to relieve our suffering Countrymen and Fellow Subjects in Boston, and to restore between Great Britain and America that Harmony so beneficial to the whole Empire, and so ardently desired by all America.

5th. Resolved, it is the Opinion of this Meeting that the Gentlemen of the Law should not (so long as the Non-exportation Agreement subsists) bring any Writ for the Recovery of Debt, or push to a Conclusion any such Suit already brought, it being utterly inconsistent with a Non-exportation Plan that Judgment should be given against those who are deprived of the Means of paying.

6th. It is resolved, that, so soon as the Non-exportation Agreement begins, we will, every Man of us, keep our Produce, whether Tobacco, Corn, Wheat, or any Thing else, unsold, on our own respective Plantations; and not carry, or suffer them to be carried, to any publick Warehouse of Landing Place, except of Grain, where the same be so done, on Oath being first made that such Grain is for the Use or Consumption of this or any other Colony in North America, and not for Exportation from the Continent whilst the said Agreement subsists. And this is the more necessary, to prevent a few designing Persons from engrossing and buying up our Tobacco, Grain, &c. when they are low in Value, in Order to avail themselves of the very high Price that those Articles must bear when the Ports are open, and foreign Markets empty.

7th. This Meeting do heartily concur with the late Representative Body of this Country to disuse TEA, and not purchase any other Commodities of the East Indies except Saltpetre, until the Grievances of America are redressed.

8th. We do most heartily concur in these preceding Resolves, and will, to the utmost of our Power, take Care that they are carried into Execution; and that we will regard every Man as infamous who now agrees to and shall hereafter make a Breach of all or any of them, subject, however, to such future Alterations as shall be judged expedient, at a general Meeting of Deputies from the several Parts of this Colony, or a general Congress of all the Colonies.

9th. We do appoint RICHARD HENRY LEE and RICHARD LEE, Esquires, the late Representatives of this County, to attend the general Meeting of Deputies from all the Counties; and we desire, that they do exert their best Abilities to get these our earnest Desires, for the Security of publick Liberty, assented to.

10th. And as it may happen that the Assembly now called to meet on the 11th of August may be prorogued to a future Day, and many of the Deputies appointed to meet on the first of August, trusting to the Certainty of meeting in Assembly on the 11th, may fail to attend on the first, by which Means decisive Injury may arise to the common Cause of Liberty, by the general Sense of the Country not being early known at this dangerous Crisis of American Freedom, we do therefore direct that our Deputies now chosen fail not to attend at Williamsburg on the said first of August; and it is our earnest Wish that the Deputies from the other Counties be directed to do the same, for the Reasons above assigned.

11th. Resolved, that the Clerk do forthwith transmit the Proceedings of this Day to the Press, and request the Printers to publish them without Delay. (By Order of the Meeting.)

JAMES DAVENPORT, Clerk.

☞ The Business of the Day being finished, the Company repaired to the Tavern, where a Dinner had been provided, and the following patriotick and loyal Toasts were drank, viz.

1st. God bless the King; may he long reign the King of a free and happy People.—2d. The Queen and Royal Family.—3d. The English Constitution.—4th. American Liberty.—5th. May the brave and virtuous People of Boston be quickly relieved from their present Distress.—6th. Union of Great Britain and the Colonies.—7th. Lord Chatham. 8th. Lord Camden.—9th. Marquis of Rockingham.—10th. Lord Shelburne.——11th. Bishop of St. Asaph.——12th. All Friends of America.

To Mr. PURDIE.

SIR,

BEING present at the patriotick Meeting in Westmoreland, I was much pleased to see the Order and Decorum with which their Business was conducted, and to find that they had desired their Proceedings to be published; because it seems quite proper that the generous Struggles of *each*, for the common Liberty, may be known *to all*. From hence, most probably, may result a System of Defence which no Cunning of a Tyrant Minister can overcome.

The Method of conquering by dividing has been so long known and practised by every wicked Politician, from the greatest in Europe down to the small Ones of our own Nation, the Lords Bute, Mansfield, and their Agents North, that the World must be too well apprised of this System to be misled and deceived by so stale a Practice.

The Minister gave himself unnecessary Trouble when he declared that the Plan was to compel Submission to the American Taxation by subduing one Colony at a Time; the Conduct of the Ministry very sufficiently proves this. All North America have repeatedly, but in vain, protested against this Invasion of their just Rights; protected as they are by natural Justice, by positive Compact, and by immemorial Usage, Sanctions that have hitherto been respected by good Men in all Ages.

In Pursuit of this Plan of Opposition, founded on Principles of Self Preservation, many Colonies have, with the Tea Ships, repelled the Revenue Acts; but Boston, having been, with much Pains, and singular Care, designedly forced by its Enemies to go one small Step farther than the rest, in Order to furnish a Pretext for attacking one Colony at a Time, they not only destroy the Trade of Boston, and thereby ruin a great Number of innocent People, but put it in the Power of the Crown, for ever, to deprive many Persons in that Town of the most valuable Property they possessed in Wharfs and Quays for landing and shipping Goods. But this was not enough: The long possessed Charter of Massachusetts Bay is, by another Act, to be taken away, and their Governour made more despotick than a Turkish Bashaw. Nor has this been thought sufficient to quench every Spark of Liberty there, but a third Act places every Crown Officer above the Reach of Law in the Country where he lives, declaring him amenable only to the Courts of Justice in England, at the same Time that every Person in the Massachusetts Government who happens to be obnoxious to the Ministry (that is, every honest and intelligent Friend to his Country) is made liable to be transported to the King's Bench in England for Trial, a Court that has, for some Years past, it is said, been extremely unfavourable to Englishmen and English Law, and where, unhappily for the Prisoner, the Prosecution must be altogether Persecution, there being no Prospect of Evidence but on one Side, and the Chance of the Accused for escaping, however innocent, as small, as the Act itself is certainly void of every Particle of Reason and Justice. Is it not a Violation of Truth and Common Sense to call this Act, which shakes the Foundations of Justice and that Security which is reasonably expected from Civil Society, "An Act for the impartial Administration of "Justice in Cases of Persons questioned for any Acts done by them in "Execution of the Law, or for the Suppression of Riots and Tumults in "the Province of Massachusetts Bay, in New England?" Would it not be much more properly entitled "An Act to encourage every Species of "Crime, by placing the Perpetrators beyond the Reach of just Punish-"ment, and to prevent every good Man in the Massachusetts Govern-"ment from opposing the Ruin of his Country, by the Terrours of a "mock Trial, before a partial Tribunal 3000 Miles removed from the "Residence of the Accused?" It is surely impossible that any liberal Mind can fail to glow with Resentment at these Tarquin Strides to Despotism in North America, hitherto the happy Seat of Liberty, Virtue, and growing Science. In vain did our brave and worthy Ancestors, through infinite Danger, Expense, and Toil, convert this savage Wilderness into a civilized and cultivated Country, if their Descendents have not Sense and Virtue enough to defend it from the Ravage and Ruin of Despotism: For what milder Name can be given to the new Claim of Taxation, set up by a Parliament removed from us 1000 Leagues, whose Members, nor their Constituents, would pay any Part of the Tax they imposed on us; who, from their Distance, and Ignorance of our Situation and Circumstances, can never judge rightly either of the Quantity or Quality of such Tax; and who, finally, would not be restrained by that constitutional Check against Abuse, the being liable to be removed, by the People they injured, at a new Election? Let not any Person imagine that these unexampled Abuses of Boston are intended only for her; the Rod of Despotism is, in Turn, to be applied for the Punishment of every Colony that moves in Defence of Liberty. Let us therefore unite in Time, never forgetting "that small Things grow great by Concord, and the greatest are lost by Disunion." When the Ministry practise the wicked Advice of Machiavel, and constantly endeavour to divide us, let us follow the wise Counsel of old Micipsa, and unite most firmly. Let us, on this great Occasion, recur to the first Principles and Practices of the Constitution, by informing the People in every County of their truly critical Situation, and take their Sense of what is fittest to be done for the publick Security. The Representative Body will thus be possessed of the Opinions and Desires of their Constituents, in pursuing which they need not fear to be bravely and firmly supported.

A LOVER OF THE CONSTITUTION.

BOSTON, *May* 23.

Extract of a Letter from the Committee of Correspondence for Portsmouth, *dated May* 19, 1774, *to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of* Boston.

WE think the late Act of Parliament to shut up the Port of Boston of the most extraordinary Nature, and fatal Tendency. Administration are taking every Method to disunite the Colonies, thereby to render the noble Opposition to their arbitrary and destructive Measures abortive. We hope a firm Union of all the Colonies will still subsist, and that such a Plan may be devised, and resolutely pursued by all, as may prevent the cruel Effects of this Act.

"We heartily sympathise with you under your present difficult and alarming Situation, and we will exert ourselves to carry any Plan into Effect which may be concerted by the Colonies for the general Relief. We sincerely wish you Resolution and Prosperity in the common Cause, and shall ever view your Interest as our own; and are, with the highest Esteem, &c."

A Letter from the Committee of Correspondence at Westerley, *May* 19, 1774.

GENTLEMEN,

WITH mingled Concern and Indignation, the Committee of Correspondence for this Town have seen an Act for blocking up the Harbour of Boston.

Rome, designing to destroy the City of Carthage, barbarously required of the Carthaginians that they should forsake their City, and remove their Habitations twelve miles from the Sea. The Consideration of the inveterate Hatred occasioned by the long and bloody Wars which had subsisted between Rome and Carthage, the Remembrance of several Hundred Thousand Romans killed in those Wars, and several Hundred Towns plundered by the Carthaginians, are some Excuse for the Roman Severity; but the cruel and unnatural Treatment which the Town of Boston has received, from Great Britain, will admit of no Kind of Palliation. The Metropolis of a most affectionate and loyal Colony, which in all the Wars of Great Britain hath gloriously supported the British Interest in America, and even by their wise and vigorous Efforts made a Conquest which gave Peace to Europe, is now threatened with Destruction, for no other Cause but because the People have bravely determined not to become Slaves.

We have long felt for the Town of Boston; we heartily sympathise with our Brethren upon this alarming Occasion. We are much pleased with the noble Firmness with which this cruel Edict is received in Boston. We highly approve the Measures taken by the Town, and are entirely of Opinion that the joint Resolution of the Colonies to stop all Importations from and Exportations to Great Britain and the West Indies, until the Act is repealed, will infallibly produce the desired Effect.

The Country which we possess, blessed be God! affords every Necessary of Life. We are morally certain, that, which the common Blessings of Heaven upon our Industry and Frugality, we can live comfortably, without importing a single Article from Britain or the West Indies; and we are equally certain, that neither England nor the West Indies can subsist long without us. Their own Preservation, therefore, will compel them to do us Justice.

This horrid Attack upon the Town of Boston we consider not as an Attempt upon that Town singly, but upon the whole Continent. We are therefore determined to use our whole Influence for the Support of the Town of Boston, in the same Manner as if the Attack had been made in the Metropolis of this Colony; and we doubt not but the other Colonies will consider this arbitrary and tyrannical Edict in the same Light, and heartily unite with the Friends of Liberty in Boston in Support of the common Cause.

That Infinite Wisdom may direct and preserve all the Colonies is the ardent Prayer of, &c.

June 6. The Seat of Government being for the present removed from this Town to Salem, in the County of Essex, his Excellency General Gage on Wednesday last, at Noon, set out for that Place, and at the Invitation of Colonel Vassal of Cambridge dined with him, where he continued until Thursday Morning, when he breakfasted with Mr. Temple, at his Seat in Charlestown, and proceeded on his Journey, accompanied by a Number of Gentlemen in their Carriages. His Excellency was met on the Road by the principal Gentlemen of Salem and Marblehead, who joined and formed a grand Procession to Colonel Brown's, where he received their Congratulations on his Appointment to the chief Command of the Government of this Province, and where he, with many other Gentlemen, dined and tarried until Friday, when his Excellency went to the elegant Seat of the Honourable Robert Hooper, at Danvers, which he had politely offered for his Excellency's Residence. On Saturday, it being his Majesty's Birthday, his Excellency returned to Salem, and received the Compliments of a great Number of Gentlemen on that joyful Occasion, and every Mark of Respect from People of all Ranks.

This Evening there is to be a Ball at the Assembly Room in Salem, given by the Gentlemen of that Town.

Saturday last being the Anniversary of the Birthday of our most gracious Sovereign King George III. when he entered the 37th Year of his Age, at Sunrise Colours were as usual displayed on Board his Majesty's Ships in the Harbour, at Castle William, and the Batteries in Town; at 12 o'Clock Royal Salutes were fired from the Ships, Batteries, and Castle William.

Tuesday last his Majesty's 64th Regiment, commanded by the Honourable Lieutenant Colonel Leslie, was reviewed at Castle William, by his Excellency General Gage. The Men went through a Variety of Manœuvres, Firings, &c. with the greatest Exactness, with which his Excellency was well pleased. His Excellency Admiral Montague, the Honourable Major General Brattle, and a Number of other Gentlemen of the Town, were present.

We hear the Corporation of Harvard College have voted, that, considering the present dark Aspect of our publick Affairs, there be no publick Commencement this Year, and that the Candidates for the first and second Degrees shall receive their Degrees in a general Diploma.

Wednesday last arrived here three Transports in five Weeks from Portsmouth, having on Board the 43d Regiment; which, with the 4th Regiment, that had embarked from Plymouth, it is said are to be quartered in this Town. The 5th and 37th Regiments, from Ireland, are also daily expected.

All Business at the Customhouse was finished last Wednesday, at 12 o'Clock; and the Officers of the Customs the same Afternoon went for Plymouth, where the Office will again be opened.

Extract of a Letter from Philadelphia, *May* 24.

"We lament with you the Distress of Boston, and think Great Britain must be out of her Senses. We are fully sensible your Cause is the common Cause of all the Colonies. We must have a Push for it, with all our Strength, against the whole Strength of Great Britain. By Sea they will beat us, by Land they will not attempt us. We must try it out in a Way of Commerce: 1st, by suspending all Trade with Great Britain, we can lessen the Revenue of the Crown near a Million Sterling per Annum; 2d, by suspending all Trade with the West Indies, we can starve them and ruin their Plantations, by withholding our Provisions and Lumber, in six Months, which will stop the 4½ per Cent. to the Crown, ruin a great Number of Merchants in London who are concerned in the West Indies, and deliver us from the slow Poison we usually import from thence; 3d, by withholding Flax Seed from Ireland, we can ruin the Linen Manufactory in twelve Months. This will reduce about 300,000 People to a Want of Employ; which, with near an equal Number of British Manufacturers in Great Britain reduced to the same State, will soon muster Tumults enough to fill their Hands and Hearts at home, for there is no satisfying starving People but by killing or feeding them. These are the Means we are coolly deliberating; we have other Things in Contemplation, as stopping our Ports entirely and laying up all our Shipping, and some other Things. We shall try to convene a general Congress of all the Colonies as soon as may be. May God give Wisdom and Firmness, Prudence, and Patience, in this Time of Trial."

FARMINGTON, *in Connecticut*, *May* 23. Early in the Morning of the 19th Instant was found the following Handbill posted up in various parts of the Town, viz. "To pass through the Fire at six o'Clock this Evening, in Honour to the immortal Goddess of Liberty, the late infamous Act of the British Parliament for farther distressing the American Colonies; the Place of Execution will be the publick Parade, where all Sons of Liberty are desired to attend."

Accordingly a very numerous and respectable Body were assembled, of near 1000 People, when a huge Pole, just 45 Feet high, was erected, and consecrated to the Shrine of Liberty; after which the Act of Parliament for blocking up Boston Harbour was read aloud, sentenced to the Flames, and executed by the Hands of the common Hangman. Then the following Resolves were passed, *nem. con.*

1. That it is the greatest Dignity, Interest, and Happiness, of every American, to be united with our Parent State, while our Liberties are duly secured, maintained, and supported, by our rightful Sovereign; whose Person we greatly revere, whose Government, while duly administered, we are ready with our Lives and Properties to support.

2. That the present Ministry, being instigated by the Devil, and led on by their wicked and corrupt Hearts, have a Design to take away our Liberties and Properties, and to enslave us for ever.

3. That the late Act, which their Malice hath caused to be passed in Parliament for blocking up the Port of Boston, is unjust, illegal, and oppressive; and that we, and every American, are Sharers in the Insults offered to the Town of Boston.

4. That those Pimps and Parasites who dared to advise their Master to such detestable Measures be held in utter Abhorrence by us and every American, and their Names loaded with the Curses of all succeeding Generations.

5. That we scorn the Chains of Slavery; we despise every Attempt to rivet them upon us. We are the SONS of FREEDOM; and resolve, that, till Time shall be no more, that Godlike Virtue shall blazon our Hemisphere.

Do thou, great LIBERTY, inspire our Souls! and make our Lives in thy Possession happy! or our Deaths glorious in thy just Defence!

NEW YORK, *June* 13.

LAST Monday Evening the Committee of Correspondence met, when they read and answered the Despatches brought by Mr. Cornelius Bradford from Boston. This Day they will assemble again, after which it is hoped their Proceedings will be published, for the Information of their Constituents. The Times are critical, and big with interesting Events, which has occasioned the Committee of Correspondence at Philadelphia to promulgate their Letters to Boston, and such other Proceedings as were judged necessary for the Satisfaction of the Publick.

NEWPORT, *May* 30.

THE Act of Parliament for blockading the Harbour of Boſton, in Order to reduce its ſpirited Inhabitants to the moſt ſervile and mean Compliances ever attempted to be impoſed on a free People, is allowed to be infinitely more alarming and dangerous to our common Liberties than even that Hydra the Stamp Act (which was defeated by our Firmneſs and Union) and muſt be read with a glowing Indignation by every real Friend of Freedom, in Europe and America. Though the Town of Boſton is now intended to be made a Victim to miniſterial Wrath, yet the Inſult and Indignity offered to our virtuous Brethren in that Capital, who have ſo nobly ſtood as a Barrier againſt Slavery, ought to be viewed in the ſame odious Light as a direct hoſtile Invaſion of every Province on the Continent, whoſe Inhabitants are now called upon, by Intereſt, Honour, and Humanity, to ſtand forth with Firmneſs and Unanimity, for the Relief, Support, and Animation, of our Brethren in the inſulted beſieged Capital of Maſſachuſetts Bay. The Generals of Deſpotiſm are now drawing the Lines of Circumvallation around our Bulwarks of Liberty; and nothing but Unity, Reſolution, and Perſeverance, can ſave ourſelves, and Poſterity, from (what is worſe than Death) SLAVERY.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman near London, *to his Friend in* Rhode Iſland.

"We are now far diſtant from one another. You are in a Country that is increaſing, and improving faſt; and likely, in Time, to be the Seat of the greateſt and happieſt Empire that ever exiſted. I am in a Country that is, I am afraid, declining. Corruption and Venality have undermined the Foundations of *civil* Liberty among us; and as to *religious* Liberty, almoſt all that we enjoy of it is an Indulgence or Connivance contrary to Law. May our *American* Brethren guard againſt the Evils which threaten us with Ruin. I admire the Exertions of the Spirit of Liberty among them, and I deteſt the unjuſt and miſerable Policy which our Governours have for ſome Time been purſuing with Reſpect to them. My Heart is indeed with them, and I am continually attending to the Accounts of what paſſes among them. *America* is the Country to which moſt of the Friends of Liberty in this Nation are now looking, and it may be in ſome future Period the Country to which they will be all flying. For our own Sakes, therefore, we have Reaſon to wiſh they may keep themſelves free."

We hear that laſt Tueſday ſe'nnight died, deteſted by all true Friends to Liberty, that infamous old Traitor T. HUTCHINSON, late Governour of Maſſachuſetts Bay. On the firſt News of his Removal from that Office, he was ſhocked to his Centre: but ſoon after, reaſſuming that ſmiling, or rather grinning Countenance, under which Stratagems and Death had always lurked, he hoped to hide from Obſervation the Grief which ſat heavy at his Heart, and preyed upon his Conſtitution. His Philoſophy, however, not being ſufficient to ſupport the Conflict in his Breaſt, he ſunk under his Diſgrace, grew delirious, and was, by Advice of his few Friends, carried and confined to the Caſtle, where he remained until he died, the moſt wretched Spectacle that diſappointed mortified Ambition ever exhibited. Some ſhort Time before his Death a Gleam of Light ſtruck through the ſolid Darkneſs of his Soul, but this ſerved only to ſhow to him and enhance his Miſery, for that lucid Interval was filled up with the Recollection of his paſt Conduct! The Honours and Opulence which his native Country had heaped upon him, the baſe ungrateful Returns he made, and the accurſed Plans he laid for her Deſtruction, ruſhed in upon and harrowed his Soul; and, to complete his Wretchedneſs, *America*, riſing up before him, the Blood ſtreaming from the Wounds ſhe had received from the Hands of this vile barbarous Parricide, cried *Revenge!* The Scene, too ſhocking to be ſuſtained by a Mind which, grown callous by the reiterated Impreſſions of Ambition and Avarice, was become utterly inſenſible to the ſoft Feelings of Humanity and Benevolence, inſtantly threw him back into his Delirium, increaſed its Violence, and he died in the greateſt Horrour and Anguiſh! Reader, if thou wouldſt avoid the Execrations of Mankind, be inſtructed, from this dreadful Example, to ſhun the Walks of Ambition and Avarice.

A few Days paſt a Man 78 Years old, and a Woman of 65, rode from this Town to Connecticut on a Mare 32 Years old this Spring.

A Writer obſerves, that the Bill lately carried into the Houſe of Commons, for regulating the Town Meetings in the Maſſachuſetts Bay, is very ſimilar to an Act, in ſome Countries, which forbids their Negro Slaves meeting together!

The Epiſcopal Clergy of the Town of Boſton, and ſome adjacent Towns, have addreſſed Governour Gage; in doing which they have, in Oppoſition to the Sentiments of more than 600 other Clergy, and nineteen Twentieths of the Laity, called Mr. Hutchinſon their "late very worthy Governour."

We are aſſured the whole Town of Tiverton, in this Colony, have left off drinking Tea; a glorious Example!

June 6. There being many infamous Falſehoooods perpetually fabricating and propagating by the Enemies of American Liberty, among ourſelves, that the other Colonies will not ſupport Boſton, &c. we adviſe our Readers to *believe them not*, for their Father was a Liar from the Beginning; but reſt aſſured that an Union will ſoon be eſtabliſhed through the Colonies, which will fruſtrate the diabolical Machinations of all the miniſterial Tools and Hirelings in Great Britain and America.

Extract of a Letter from a Merchant in Providence *to his Friend in* Newport, *June* 3, 1774.

"I ſaw a Letter this Morning from the Committee of Boſton, with a Liſt incloſed of about 70 Merchants of that Town, who have ſigned to countermand the Orders they have ſent home for Goods; and it is to be hoped that all the Merchants on the Continent will join their Brethren in Adverſity, in Order to pull down the haughty Spirit of Parliament."

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman in Boſton *to his Friend in this Town, May* 29.

"Preparations are now making for blocking up this Harbour, and Affairs at preſent bear a gloomy Aſpect in this Metropolis. However, we are in good Spirits at preſent; and if the other Colonies will but ſtand by us, we doubt not of doing well. Nothing but an Union can be the Salvation of America. If we divide now, we are loſt for ever; and there is no Doubt, if we ſtand firm together, but this will be the laſt Effort of our Enemies to enſlave us."

June 13. The Behaviour of the Americans, at this alarming Criſis, will moſt probably *ſtamp* their Characters, and hand them about to Poſterity as a brave Generation of Patriots, or ſink them into Contempt in the Opinion of all future Ages. Life and Death, or, which are tantamount thereto, *Liberty* and *Slavery*, are now ſet before them, and it is in their Power to chooſe which they pleaſe. If they ſubmit, ſays a Writer, they deſerve more than Man can lay upon them.

It has been lately propoſed, by ſome Writers in England, to have an American Land Tax, equal to what it is in Great Britain.

The Baptiſt Congregations and the firſt Congregational Society, in this Town, kept laſt Thurſday as a Day of Faſting and Prayer.

This Day the Honourable the General Aſſembly of this Colony meet in this Town, who it is hoped will grant a Sum of Money for the Relief of the Poor of Boſton who may be reduced to Diſtreſs by the preſent *worſe than ſavage* Treatment which that Town ſuffers from a People for whom they have often ſpent their beſt Blood and Treaſure.

The Number of Governour Hutchinſon's Addreſſers, conſiſting of Merchants, Shopkeepers, Pedlars, Pettifoggers, &c. amounted to 140; and it is ſaid, that great Pains were taken throughout Boſton, and many other Towns, to procure that Number, which moſt certainly appear very contemptible, when it is conſidered that there are full 400,000 Inhabitants in that Province.

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 30.

At a general Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Prince George *County, the following Reſolves were propoſed, and unanimouſly agreed to.*

Reſolved, THAT we will, at all Times, whenever we are called upon for that Purpoſe, maintain and defend, at the Expenſe of our Lives and Fortunes, his Majeſty's Right and Title to the Crown of Great Britain, and his Dominions in America, to whoſe Royal Perſon and Government we profeſs all due Obedience and Fidelity.

Reſolved, that the Right to impoſe Taxes or Duties to be paid by the Inhabitants within this Dominion, for any Purpoſe whatſoever, is peculiar and eſſential to the General Aſſembly, in whom the legiſlative Authority of the Colony is veſted.

Reſolved, that every Attempt to impoſe ſuch Taxes or Duties, by any other Authority, is an arbitrary Exertion of Power, and an Infringment of the conſtitutional Rights and Liberties of the Colony.

Reſolved, that to impoſe a Tax or Duty upon Tea by the Britiſh Parliament, in which the Commons of the North American Colonies can have no Repreſentation, to be paid upon Importation by the Inhabitants of the ſaid Colonies, is an Act of Power without Right, is ſubverſive of the Liberties of the ſaid Colonies, deprives them of their Property without their own Conſent, and thereby reduces them to a State of Slavery.

Reſolved, that the late cruel, unjuſt, and ſanguinary Acts of Parliament, to be executed by military Force and Ships of War upon our Siſter Colony of the Maſſachuſetts Bay, and Town of Boſton, is a ſtrong Evidence of the corrupt Influence obtained by the Britiſh Miniſtry in Parliament, and a convincing Proof of their fixed Intention to deprive the Colonies of their conſtitutional Rights and Liberties.

Reſolved, that the Cauſe of the Town of Boſton is the common Cauſe of all the American Colonies.

Reſolved, that it is the Duty and Intereſt of all the American Colonies firmly to unite in an indiſſoluble Union and Aſſociation, to oppoſe, by every juſt and proper Means, the Infringment of their common Rights and Liberties.

Reſolved, that a general Aſſociation between all the American Colonies not to import from Great Britain any Commodity whatſoever except Negroes Clothes and Tools, Iriſh Linens, Medicines, and Paper, ought to be entered into, and not diſſolved until the juſt Rights of the ſaid Colonies are reſtored to them, and the cruel Acts of the Britiſh Parliament againſt the Maſſachuſetts Bay, and Town of Boſton, are repealed.

Reſolved, that no Friend to the Rights and Liberties of America ought to purchaſe any Commodity whatſoever, except as is before excepted, which ſhall be imported from Great Britain after the general Aſſociation ſhall be agreed upon.

Reſolved, that every Kind of Luxury, Diſſipation, and Extravagance, ought to be baniſhed from amongſt us.

Reſolved, That Manufactures ought to be encouraged, by opening Subſcriptions for that Purpoſe, or by any other proper Means.

Reſolved, that the African Trade is injurious to this Colony, obſtructs the Population of it by Freemen, prevents Manufacturers and other uſeful Emigrants from Europe from ſettling amongſt us, and occaſions an annual Increaſe of the Balance of Trade againſt this Colony.

Reſolved, That the raiſing Sheep, Hemp, and Flax, ought to be encouraged.

Reſolved, that to be clothed in Manufactures frabricated in the Colonies ought to be conſidered as a Badge and Diſtinction of Reſpect, and true Patriotiſm.

Reſolved, that the Diſſolution of the General Aſſembly, by Order of the Britiſh Miniſtry, whenever they enter upon the Conſideration of the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, againſt Attempts to deſtroy them, is an Evidence of the fixed Intention of the ſaid Miniſtry to reduce the Colonies to a State of Slavery.

Reſolved, that the People of this Colony, being by ſuch Diſſolution deprived of a legal Repreſentation, ought to nominate and appoint for every County proper Deputies to meet upon the firſt Day of Auguſt, in the City of Williamſburg, then and there to conſult and agree upon the beſt and moſt proper Means for carrying into Execution theſe or any other Reſolutions which ſhall be judged more expedient for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Reſolved, that RICHARD BLAND and PETER POYTHRESS, Eſquires, our late worthy Repreſentatives, be, and they are hereby nominated and appointed Deputies, upon the Part of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of this County, to meet ſuch Deputies as ſhall be appointed by the other Counties and Corporations within this Colony, in the City of Williamſburg, upon the firſt Day of Auguſt next, or at any other Time or Place for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

Reſolved, that at this important and alarming Conjuncture it be earneſtly recommended to the ſaid Deputies, at the ſaid general Convention, that they nominate and appoint fit and proper Perſons, upon the Part of this Colony, to meet ſuch Deputies, in a general Congreſs, as ſhall be appointed upon the Part of the other continental Colonies in America, to conſult and agree upon a firm and indiſſoluble Union and Aſſociation for preſerving, by the beſt and moſt proper Means, their common Rights and Liberties.

Reſolved, that this Colony ought not to trade with any Colony which ſhall refuſe to join in any Union and Aſſociation that ſhall be agreed upon, by the greater Part of the other Colonies upon this Continent, for preſerving their common Rights and Liberties.

Reſolved, that the Clerk of this Meeting tranſmit to the Printers of both Gazettes Copies of theſe Reſolutions, with the earneſt Requeſt of this County that the other Counties and Corporations within the Colony will appoint Deputies to meet at the Time and Place, and for the Purpoſes, aforeſaid.

THEODORICK BLAND, Clerk of the Meeting.

FRIDAY, *July* 1. The following are the moſt material Advices we have received by the Northern Poſt this Week, for whoſe Arrival we were determined to wait, that the Publick might be furniſhed with the earlieſt Intelligence from thence, eſpecially as our laſt Gazette communicated all the Intelligence which came by the laſt Mail, owing to the Arrival of a Veſſel from Philadelphia in James River.——Our Brother Printers to the Northward, we make little Doubt, are very careful to ſend us their reſpective Newſpapers; of which, however, by ſome Means or other, ſeldom more than one Fourth get to our Hands. Rather than be deprived, at this critical Juncture, of the Means of relating every Article which might be of general Utility, we would cheerfully *pay* POSTAGE *for thoſe Papers, by having them put in the Mail, as Letters of Correſpondence*; which may indeed be termed *Compliance perForce*, and is not defenſible upon the Principles that ought to conſtitute AMERICAN FREEDOM.

BOSTON, *June* 9.

MONDAY Afternoon two young Gentlemen came into Boſton from the County of Worceſter, relating that they had been alarmed with the Report that a Regiment of Soldiers had been poſted at the Entrance of this City, to cut off its Communication with the Country. Many reſpectable Perſons, they ſaid, had aſſembled upon the Occaſion, and ſent off theſe Perſons on Sabbath Evening, to ride all Night, and return with Intelligence as ſoon as poſſible; determining, that, in Caſe they were confirmed in the Truth of the Report, they would forthwith march in, 10,000 ſtrong, and diſtreſt the Troops at all Events. Their Expreſs informed us, that, whatever might be the Minds of the Citizens relative to a Surrender of their Liberties, they would not find the Country at all diſpoſed to eſteem themſelves concluded in their Act. They freely expreſſed their Senſe, that by the Acts of the Britiſh Parliament lately paſſed, and the Bills now depending therein, our Charter is utterly vacated, and the Compact between this Province and the Crown of Great Britain being diſſolved, they are at full Liberty to combine together, in what Manner and Form they think beſt for mttual Security.

We hear that there are near thirty Sail of Wood Veſſels, at Marblehead, from the Eaſtward, bound to this Place, who are obliged to unload and load again before they are permitted to take their Departure.

The Inhabitants of Annapolis, in Maryland, have paſſed a Number of ſpirited Reſolves, tending to the Good of this Town and the Proſperity of America.

It may be depended upon that the Aſſembly of Connecticut have paſſed a Vote to raiſe in the ſeveral religious Congregations Contributions for the Relief of the Poor of this Town, and recommended a Day of Faſting and Prayer.

The Town of Marblehead has publiſhed a Declaration againſt an Addreſs to the late Governour Hutchinſon, preſented to him by a few Individuals in that Place.

The Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms now hold their Board in Salem.

Yeſterday the Signers of a late Addreſs to Governour Hutchinſon preſented an Addreſs to Governour Gage, at Salem; which Addreſs, together with his Excellency's Anſwer (wherein he aſſures them he has no diſcretionary Power to open the Port, but recommends the ſpeedy Indemnification of the Eaſt India Company, as the only Means) we muſt omit, for Want of Room, till our next.

One Merchant in this Town, who had two Veſſels arrived this Week with Moloſſes, has loſt, by their not being ſuffered to come up to Town, 1000l. lawful Money.

In the Boſton Port Bill we have a ſtriking Specimen of the Juſtice and Lenity of a modern Britiſh Adminiſtration; the Ship Carpenters, Houſe Wrights, Bricklayers, &c. as well as thoſe Tradeſmen connected with Trade, are now turned out of all Buſineſs. As none of theſe Articles are ſuffered to be brought into Town by Water, the People who uſed to bring them in Boats, within a Circle of ſixty Miles, are Sharers in the Diſtreſs. Boſton is now deprived of a Trade with the People of a Sea Coaſt of ſeveral Hundred Miles Extent eaſtward, and about 150 Miles ſouthward, who uſed to bring their Produce and take their Supply in Exchange.

Extract of a Letter from a Lady in London, *dated March* 29, 1774, *to a Gentleman in* Boſton.

"The unhappy Affairs of Boſton now lie near my Heart! From my Soul do I feel for Boſton, and for all America! I was in the Parliament Houſe, and heard the Port Bill brought in and read.

"A Bill is this Day paſſed to deſtroy your Trade, and another is bringing in to ſubvert your whole Conſtitution of Government. Expect no Mercy from them. For the Love of your Country, and Poſterity, for the Love of Juſtice, and for God's Sake, uſe all your Powers to prevent your Town's Submiſſion. Tell them to hold out only ſix Months, and all will be well. England will riſe on the Occaſion.

"Stop all Trade; be ſilent, be ſtrong, be reſolute. Their Plan was kept ſecret, through Fear that, had it been known, the Parliament Houſe would have been deſtroyed. Depend on my Intelligence to be good. Stand it out, or die. If you give up, you are undone! Call your People together, alarm them, rouſe them; call on them to humble themſelves before God, by Faſting and Prayer, that the intended Blow may be mercifully averted from America.

"All Letters are to be ſtopped; all the Governours are to be changed; 300 Taxmen are coming over; all Officers are to be Men ſent from England; Juries taken away; a large Fleet to frighten you into Compliance."

We are credibly informed that Subſcriptions are handing about in the inland Parts of this Province engaging to forbear the Purchaſe or Uſe of Britiſh Manufactures, till the Rights of America are reſtored. Thouſands, it is ſaid, have ſigned.

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 15.

Extract of a Letter from Boſton, *June* 2.

WE have been, for three Weeks paſt, in a general Hurry in Buſineſs; moſt of our Navigation is gone, and by the 13th Inſtant I do not expect to ſee ſix Veſſels in our Harbour. One Regiment of the Troops arrived yeſterday, and they are marking out the Lines in our Common to ſix Tents; how many are to be fixed here we cannot tell, and indeed we can know nothing certain till the Operations take Place. Our Cuſtomhouſe Officers all take their Departure to-day, if they did not ſet out laſt Night, to Plymouth (being in this Port) to carry on Buſineſs there. Governour Hutchinſon ſailed yeſterday Morning in Captain Callahan, for London, with his ſecond Son, one of our Conſignees, and a Daughter. Governour Gage ſets out from Cambridge this Day, for Salem, to meet the General Court there the 7th Inſtant. Five Gentlemen, in their own private Capacity, waited on him three or four Days ſince, to know what the Amount of the Tea was, and to whom they might apply; but they could only obtain from him, that they would know, but did not ſay when. He was much on the reſerve; but, from the Converſation I have had with two of them, we ſhall not be able to know any Thing with Certainty till either this Town, as a Town, or the General Court, apply to him. He ſent a written Order to our Provincial Treaſurer, to move the Province Money down to Salem; but he refuſed complying, well knowing he could not anſwer it, without the ſpecial Orders of the Aſſembly. I hope the Southern Governments will view onr Caſe in its true Light, which I take to be a beſieged City, in which is a great Diverſity of Opinions and Intereſts, and in a very little Time will be the Cry of a great Multitude without Buſineſs, and ready to break through Stone Walls for Subſiſtence."

We hear that the Tradeſmen and Farmers of the City and County of Philadelphia are determined to enter into an Aſſociation to purchaſe no more Britiſh Goods till the Acts of Parliament are repealed, if the Voice of the propoſed Congreſs ſhould be in Favour of a Non-importation Agreement.

A Correſpondent remarks, that to oppoſe the Britiſh Parliament (which has declared itſelf abſolute *in all Caſes whatever* over the American Colonies) by refuſing to import nothing but *dutied Articles*, will be as ineffectual a Step to eſtabliſh the Liberties of America upon a permanent Foundation, at the preſent Juncture, as it would be to attempt to reſtrain a mad Bull by cutting off his Tail, without aiming a Blow at his Vitals.

Advertiſements.

AS the Members of the late Houſe of Burgeſſes have referred the Conſideration of the important Matters recommended to them by ſome of the Northern Colonies to the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next, it is expected the Members who may be choſen at the enſuing Election will not fail to meet them at the Time appointed. There is no Neceſſity to repreſent to the Publick what an Appearance it would have to keep them longer in Suſpenſe about our Determinations.

The MODERATOR.

WE the Subſcribers, having for ſome Time paſt experienced very great Inconvenience ariſing from the Uncertainty of the Time of our Meeting in *Williamſburg*, have now reſolved, and are determined, for the future, to meet there every 25th Day of *October* and *April*; of which we give this publick Notice, that thoſe who have Buſineſs to tranſact with us may know when to attend.

JAMES LYLE.
ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.
DANIEL M'CALLUM.
ROBERT DONALD.
JAMES FAIRLIE.
JAMES DONALD.
ALEXANDER BAINE.
JOHN FISHER.
WILLIAM MITCHELL.
RICHARD ADAMS.
ALEXANDER BUCHANAN.
ANDREW CHALMER.
EDWARD JOHNSON.
NINIAN MINZIES.
THOMAS MAIN.
ROBERT RUTHERFORD.
ARCHIBALD M'CALL.
M'CALL & SHEDDEN.
ADAM FLEMING.
THOMAS RUSSELL.
HECTOR ROSS.
NEIL M'COULL.
JOHN LINDSAY.
JAMES GIBSON, & Co.
JOHN JOHNSON.
ROBERT BURTON.
ARCHIBALD BRYCE.
ARCHIBALD GOVAN.
ANDREW JOHNSTON, Jun.
EDWARD BRISBANE.
WILLIAM JOHNSON.
THOMAS YOUNGER.
SIMON FRASER.
THOMAS HODGE.
JAMES M'DOWALL.
DAVID COCHRAN.
NEIL JAMIESON.
JAMES GLASSFORD.
WILLS COWPER.
MATTHEW PHRIPP.
JOHN HAMILTON.
THOMAS SIMPSON.
JOHN GILMOUR.
CHARLES GILMOUR.
JOHN HAY, & Co.
BENJAMIN BAILEY, & Co.
ANTHONY WARWICK.
INGLIS & LONG.
FIELDING LEWIS.
ARCHIBALD CUNISON.
HENRY MITCHELL.
JAMES ROBISON.
JAMES SOMERVELL.
WILLIAM HENDERSON.
JOHN GLASSELL.
ANDREW CRAWFORD.
RICHARD HANSON.
JAMES INGRAM.
WILLIAM HARRISON.
EDMUND PENDLETON, Jun.
JOHN BAIRD.
THOMAS SHORE.
PATRICK COUTTS.
MOSS ARMISTEAD.
EILBECK, ROSS, & Co.
JOHN TABB.
CORNELIUS CALVERT.
ROBERT PLEASANTS, & Co.
THOMAS EVANS.
EDWARD STABLER.
DAVID RUSSELL.
GEORGE PURDIE.

Purſuant to a Decree of the Honourable General Court, and by Letter of Attorney from Colonel George Mercer *of* Virginia, *now in* London, *will be ſold at publick Auction,*

ABOUT 13,500 ACRES of LAND in the County of *Loudoun*, near *Weſt*'s Ordinary, about twelve Miles from *Leeſburg*, forty from *Alexandria*, and thirty five from *Dumfries*, on *Potowmack*. This Land is well known, by the Deſcription of *Bull Run Mountains*, and is very fertile.—Alſo 5000 Acres on *Shenando* River, in the County of *Frederick*, oppoſite to *Snicker*'s Ordinary, and binding on the River about ſeven Miles. As this Tract is Part of a Survey one of the firſt in that Part of the Colony, its good Quality cannot be queſtioned, it is well watered, will admit of two Mills on Land Streams, and others on the River; there are now on it ſix Plantations well improved for Cropping, 110 Slaves, and very large and choice Stocks of Horſes (ſome of the Dray Breed) black Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep; which, together with the Crops of Corn and Wheat now growing (expected to be upwards of 2000 Barrels and 5000 Buſhels) will be ſold on the Premiſes, on the 24th Day of *November* next, or next fair Day.——The *Loudoun* Lands will be ſold at *Weſt*'s Ordinary, on the 21ſt Day of the ſame Month. Both Tracts will be laid off in Lots to ſuit every Kind of Purchaſer, who may ſee them by applying to Mr. *Francis Peyton*, near the *Loudoun* Land, and Mr. *William Dawſon*, who reſides on the *Shenando* Tract. Among the Slaves are two good Blackſmiths, two Carpenters, and an exceeding truſty and ſkilful Waggoner. The aged black Cattle, and grown Hogs, will be fattened for Slaughter.—Purchaſers above 25l. will be allowed twelve Months Credit, on giving Bond and Security to the Subſcribers, who will be prepared to make Conveyances.

JOHN TAYLOE.
(20) GEORGE WASHINGTON.

TAKEN up, in *Amherſt*, a BALD EAGLE COLOURED HORSE thirteen or fourteen Years old, four Feet three or four Inches high, has ſome Marks of a Collar upon the near Shoulder, and branded on the near Buttock H in a Piece. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4l.

(11) JOHN PHILIPS.

KING WILLIAM, *May* 25, 1774.

I INTEND to leave the Colony immediately.

(‖) JOHN WHITE.

CUMBERLAND, *June* 20, 1774.

WHEREAS the Subscriber gave his Bond about twelve Years ago to *Philip Ryan*, then of *Prince Edward* County, for the Sum of 60l. which Bond has been long since discharged, this is to caution all Persons from taking an Assignment of the same.

(1‖) WILLIAM WOMACK, Senior.

FOR SALE,

A VALUABLE Tract of LAND in *Surry* County, beautifully situated on *James* River, a little above *Swan's Point*, containing about 2300 Acres, well timbered with Pine and White Oak, and a Stream with a Dam across it sufficient to carry a Saw Mill runs through the Middle of the Land. Any Person inclinable to purchase may know the Terms by applying to *James Belsches* at *Cabin Point*, or the Subscriber at *Huntington*.

CHARLES HARRISON.

FOR LONDON,

THE Ship *Neptune*, *Jonathan Punderson* Master, lying in *Pamunkey*, will take on Board Tobacco on Liberty of Consignment at 8l. Sterling per Tun. Two Thirds of his Cargo being engaged, he will, if possible, sail about the latter End of *August*. Any Gentlemen inclinable to ship by this Opportunity are desired to send their Notes or Orders to Colonel *Thomas Nelson* of *York*, *Warner Lewis*, Jun. Esq; in *Gloucester*, or the Captain on Board said Ship.——Attendance will be given at the adjacent County Courts. (‖)

For SALE,

THE noted and well accustomed TAVERN in *James City* County, about fifteen Miles from *Williamsburg*, on the main Road leading to *New Kent* Courthouse and *Ruffin's* Ferry, with about 500 ACRES of LAND in good Order for Cropping, having six Fields under good Fencing. The Time of Payment will be made very easy to a Purchaser, and the Land, &c. shown by applying to the Subscriber, on the Premises.

(4) THOMAS DONCASTLE.

AUGUSTA, *June* 18, 1774.

RUN away the 16th Instant, from the Subscriber, a Negro Man named BACCHUS, about 30 Years of Age, five Feet six or seven Inches high, strong and well made; had on, and took with him, two white *Russia* Drill Coats, one turned up with blue, the other quite plain and new, with white figured Metal Buttons, blue Plush Breeches, a fine Cloth Pompadour Waistcoat, two or three thin or Summer Jackets, sundry Pairs of white Thread Stockings, five or six white Shirts, two of them pretty fine, neat Shoes, Silver Buckles, a fine Hat cut and cocked in the Macaroni Figure, a double-milled Drab Great Coat, and sundry other Wearing Apparel. He formerly belonged to Doctor *George Pitt*, of *Williamsburg*, and I imagine is gone there under Pretence of my sending him upon Business, as I have frequently heretofore done; he is a cunning, artful, sensible Fellow, and very capable of forging a Tale to impose on the Unwary, is well acquainted with the lower Parts of the Country, having constantly rode with me for some Years past, and has been used to waiting from his Infancy. He was seen a few Days before he went off with a Purse of Dollars, and had just before changed a five Pound Bill; most, or all of which, I suppose he must have robbed me off, which he might easily have done, I having trusted him much after what I thought had proved his Fidelity. He will probably endeavour to pass for a Freeman by the Name of *John Christian*, and attempt to get on Board some Vessel bound for *Great Britain*, from the Knowledge he has of the late Determination of *Somerset's* Case. Whoever takes up the said Slave shall have 5l. Reward, on his Delivery to (4) GABRIEL JONES.

YORK TOWN, *June* 26, 1774.

RUN away from the Subscriber, about a Fortnight ago, a Mulatto Fellow named CORNELIUS, who is well known in *York*, *Gloucester*, and most Counties of *Virginia*, having travelled with me for several Years through different Parts of the Colony. When he first eloped it was imagined he would have gone to *Carolina*, but within these ten Days he was met about three Miles from *Gloucester* Town, in Company with a Mulatto Woman of Mr. *Dedman's* of *York*, who is said to be his Wife. Whoever apprehends the said Fellow, and delivers him to me in *York*, shall have 3l. Reward, besides what the Law allows.

JOHN H. NORTON.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subscriber's Pasture, on *Sappony*, in *Dinwiddie*, the 14th of *March* last, a BRIGHT BAY HORSE about four Feet six Inches high, strong made, a Snip on his Nose, and branded on the near Buttock n; also a DARK BAY MARE about fourteen Hands high, a Star in her Forehead, a black List down her Back and Rump, very thin made, and branded on the near Buttock I × P. Whoever gives such Information as I may get either of them again, shall be handsomely rewarded; and if stolen 50s. for each, on Conviction of the Thief. I bought the Horse of *Hugh Montgomery*, of *Salisbury*, and the Mare of *James Murfey*, of *Tryon* County, both of *North Carolina*. (2) CHARLES TURNBULL.

COMMITTED to *Nansemond* County Jail, on the 28th of *May*, an outlandish Negro Fellow named CUDGER, about 36 Years of Age, of a small Size, and says he belongs to Mr. *Samuel Kerr*, in *Portsmouth*. The Owner is desired to take him away, and pay Charges.

WILLIAM WHITFIELD, Jailer.

TAKEN up, in *Buckingham*, a BRIGHT BAY MARE about fifteen Years old, four Feet ten Inches and a Half high, a Star in her Forehead, several Saddle Spots, a small white Spot near the Footlock of her left fore Foot, her Mane hangs on both Sides, a long Switch Tail, shod before, has a Bell on, branded on one Side W H. made with Dots, and on the Staple W D. fastened on with a Saddle Strap buckled and tied in several Knots, branded on the near Shoulder and Buttock B. Posted, and appraised to 13l. 10s. (‖) NICHOLAS CONNER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 23, 1774.

KEYSER's PILLS, in 30s. 15s. and 7s. 6d. Boxes, to be sold at the Subscriber's Shop in this City.

JOHN M. GALT.

FOR SALE,

FIVE HUNDRED Acres of rich LAND in *Charlotte* County, on *Little Roanoke* Run, near the Courthouse; there is a small Plantation upon it. A good Bargain will be given, reasonable Credit allowed for Payment, and an undoubted Title made. The Subscriber lives near the Land, and will show it to any Person who may apply for that Purpose.

JOHN PETTUS.

NORFOLK, *June* 20, 1774.

WHEREAS the Concern of *Hector Mac Alester* and Co. was dissolved on the first Instant, the Partners thereof, from a Desire of bringing their Affairs to a speedy Conclusion, once more request all Persons indebted to them to make immediate Payment, either to *Robert Donald* of *Warwick*, or the Subscriber in *Norfolk*; and as it is not in their Power to extend farther the Indulgence which, for a long Time, has been granted to many, they hope that due Regard will be paid to this Application. Those who have any Demands against the said Concern are desired to make them known, that they may be adjusted and paid. The Subscriber will continue to do Business in this Place on his own Account, and solicits the Favours of his Friends.

HECTOR MAC ALESTER.

TAKEN up, in *Buckingham*, a SORREL GELDING about two Years old, four Feet five Inches high, neither dockt nor branded, has several small white Spots about him, one on his Back, his off hind Foot white, a small Star in his Forehead, several white Hairs in his Mane, and is very gentle. Posted, and appraised to 10l.

WILLIAM JONES.

For SALE,

SUNDRY LOTS and HOUSES in the Town of *Fredericksburg*, formerly the Property of Messr. *Mitchell*, *Lenox*, and *Scott*, and *John Mitchell*, and made over to Messr. *John Gray*, *Robert Gilchrist*, *Archibald Ritchie*, and the Subscriber, in Trust, for certain Purposes therein mentioned, *viz.* The Brick Storehouse where Mr. *William Scott* kept Store, and since occupied by Mr. *John Glassell*, with a small Storehouse on the same Lot, a Dwelling-House and Warehouse with a pretty large Cellar underneath, and other Improvements back. A Piece of Ground joining the said Lot, 23½ Feet on the main Street and fronting *Sophia* Street and the River, on which there is a Warehouse with a Cellar, a House twenty Feet square built for a Smith's Shop, and a Stable, newly paled in. Two Lots fronting Mr. *Charles Washington's* and the River, with a large Granary, Stable, &c. thereon, convenient to the *Quarry* Landing, and paled in. A Lot on the River Side fronting *Royston's* Warehouse and the Street to the Wharf, on which is a Stone Warehouse. A Lot joining *Houston's* Tannery with a small Dwelling-House thereon, and a Wharf where the largest Vessels that come to this Place can lie. Also the following Tracts of Land, one in *Spotsylvania*, within seven Miles of this Town, on the Road to *Orange* and *Culpeper* Courthouses, and known by the Name of the *Black Ordinary*, containing 1100 Acres. A Tract of 400 Acres, three Miles higher up the same Road, near *Raines's* Ordinary, which Mr. *John Mitchell* purchased of *William Fitzhugh*, Esq; it is well timbered, level, and good for Farming. Two Tracts containing 335 Acres, purchased by Mr. *Mitchell* of *John Dyer* and *William Goleston*, within one Mile of the Plantation whereon he lives. A Tract in the County of *Frederick*, within one Mile and a Half of *Winchester*, containing 355 Acres, purchased of *William Cochran*, and formerly belonged to *William Glover*. A Tract in *Botetourt*, purchased of *John Given*, chiefly Bottom. Any Person, on Application to Mr. *Peter Hogg*, Attorney at Law, can be informed of the Quantity, Quality, and Price. Several Tracts in the County of *Hampshire*, exceeding rich, and two of them join the Right Honourable Lord *Fairfax's* Manor, on the South Side of *Potowomack* River. The last mentioned Lands belonged formerly to Mr. *Peter Steenbergen*, and will be shown to any Person inclinable to purchase, by Colonel *Abraham Hite*, who lives near the Land. The Lots and Houses here, and the Tracts of Land in *Spotsylvania*, will be shown, and the Terms made known, on Application to the Subscriber. Credit will be allowed the Purchasers, upon their giving Bond with approved Security.

JAMES SOMERVELL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 10, 1774.

MR. JOHN MITCHELL, Merchant, in *Spotsylvania* County, having by Deed, recorded in the General Court in *November* last, conveyed all his Lands, Slaves, Household Goods, Stocks in Trade, and outstanding Debts, to us in Trust (after satisfying a Mortgage to Mr. *George Anderson* of *Glasgow*, Merchant, for Payment of 1000l. with Interest due thereon) for Payment of his Debts, to all such Creditors as shall within twelve Months accede to the Terms of the said Trust: We do hereby give this publick Notice, that Payment of all the Debts due to the said *John Mitchell*, or to *Mitchell*, *Lenox*, and *Scott*, are to be made to *James Somervell*, acting Trustee; and as many Circumstances require the most speedy Collection, we hope the Debtors will make Provision accordingly. All Creditors of *John Mitchell*, or *Mitchell*, *Lenox*, and *Scott*, who are willing to come into Terms, are desired to lodge their Claims as soon as possible, and to subscribe their Names to Deeds which are prepared for that Purpose, and may be seen on Application to either of us.

JOHN GRAY.
ROBERT GILCHRIST.
ARCHIBALD RITCHIE.
JAMES SOMERVELL.

*** All those indebted to Mr. *John Mitchell*, for Dealings at his *Culpeper* Store, are requested to settle their Accounts and pay the Balances hat are due to Mr. *Edward Stevens*, who is fully empowered to receive hem.

JAMES SOMERVELL.

FOR SALE,

TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED and SEVENTY FIVE Acres of Land in *Gloucester* County, lying in *Petsworth* Parish, upon which there is a very good Mill on an excellent Stream of Water. It will be laid off in Lots, for the Convenience of Purchasers; and as it is entailed Land, Application will be made to the next General Assembly for an Act to dock the Entail. Mr. *Lewis Booker* will show the Land, and make known the Terms.

WILSON M. CARY.

To be SOLD *to the highest Bidder, on* Monday *the* 11*th of* July, *on the Premises*,

A LOT in the Town of *Blandford*, whereon is a good Storehouse, and a large Warehouse. Credit will be allowed till the 25th of *April* next, the Purchaser giving Bond and good Security to

JOHN BAIRD.

To be SOLD, *by Execution, for ready Money, at* Aylett's *Warehouse, on* Wednesday *the* 13*th of* July,

TWENTY SEVEN likely *Virginia* born Negroes, consisting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, belonging to the Estate of Colonel *James Quarles*, deceased, and taken to satisfy three Judgments obtained in *York* Court by the Executors of *Philip W. Claiborne*, deceased.

GOODRICH CRUMP, Sub Sheriff.

To be SOLD, *on* Thursday *the* 1*st of* September, *at* Hanover *Courthouse*,

A TRACT of LAND in *Hanover* County, containing 795 Acres, adjoining the Lands of Mr. *Trueheart* and Mr. *Geddes Winston*, is about fourteen Miles from *Page's* Warehouse, and about twelve from the Town of *Richmond*. There is a large Quantity of excellent Pine Timber upon it, the Soil is good for Wheat and *Indian* Corn, and the Whole is divided into Lots of 265 Acres each, for the Convenience of Purchasers. Credit will be allowed until *October* 1775, the Purchasers giving Bond and Security; and the Bonds to carry Interest from the Date, if not discharged when they become due.

LEWIS BURWELL,
KINGSMILL, LEWIS BURWELL, Junior.
June 22, 1774. SARAH CAMPBELL.

To be SOLD *to the highest Bidder, at* Goochland *Courthouse, on* Monday *the* 18*th of* July, *being Court Day*,

A TRACT of rich well timbered Land lying opposite to *Elk Island*, in the said County, belonging to the Estate of Mr. *John Smith*, deceased, containing 2000 Acres, which will be put up in four separate Lots Likewise a Tract containing between 3 and 400 Acres, lying on both Sides the *Little Bird* Creek, near the Head thereof, in said County. Those Lands having been fully described in a former Advertisement, renders it unnecessary here. The Time of Payment will be made known on the Day of Sale, and Bonds with good Security required of the Purchasers, by

(4) WILLIAM ANDERSON, Executor.

N. B. The Meeting of Merchants in *Williamsburg* having prevented me from attending on the 20th of *June*, it may be necessary to assure the Publick that the above mentioned Land will certainly be sold on the Day now appointed.

*** The Purchasers at the different Sales of the Negroes and personal Estate of *Joseph* and *John Smith*, deceased, are desired to take Notice that their Bonds will carry Interest from the Date, if not paid by the 1st of *July*; which, added to the distressed Situation of those Estates, I hope will induce them to make immediate Payment.

STRAYED, or STOLEN, from the Subscriber, the 8th of *May* last, a likely BAY MARE four or five Years old this Spring, about four Feet nine Inches high, a Star in her Forehead, her hind Feet white, one as high as her Footlock, was lately foundered, and is shod all round. I will give 3l. to any Person that will deliver her to me in *Petersburg*, or on Conviction of the Thief 5l.

(‖) HENRY MORISS.

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 20, 1774.

LOST, a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of His Excellency the Earl of *Dunmore*, granted to *Edward Wilkinson*, and by him assigned to me, for 200 Acres of Land in *Augusta*, on the *Western Waters*, and directed to the Surveyor of that County. Any Person that will deliver the same to Mr. *James Southall* of this City, or to me in *Berkeley* County, shall have 20s. The Publick are hereby warned against taking a Conveyance of the said Warrant, and the several Surveyors are requested to observe this Advertisement.

(2‖) ROBERT RUTHERFORD.

STRAYED from Mr. *Page's* Plantation, in *Hanover* County, a BAY MARE about fourteen Hands one Inch high, has had two or three Colts, seven Years old, but never was broke, a long Mane and Tail undocked, a Star in her Forehead, one of her hind Legs at the Pastern Joint much hurt, and bends considerably. As she was brought from *Amherst* last Spring, it is probable she will endeavour to return there. Whoever gives me Notice of the said Mare, or brings her to me in *King William*, shall be well rewarded.

CARTER BRAXTON.

YORK TOWN, *June* 20, 1774.

TAKEN off a Bench before Mr. *Allen Jones's* Store, on the 11th of this Instant, a neat SILVER WATCH with an enamelled Dial Plate, open Work over the Balance Wheel, and the other Work remarkably neat; I think made by *Robert Jones*, *Liverpool*, No. 1600, and the Chain is broke. Whoever brings the said Watch to the Subscriber shall have 20s.

(2) ANTHONY ROBINSON.

RUN away in *May* last, from the Subscriber in *Prince George*, near *Noble's* Warehouse, a tall Mulatto Woman Slave named JEAN about 35 Years old, thin visaged, and the End of her left Thumb off; she carried with her sundry Suits of Clothes, and it is supposed she is gone towards *Green Spring* in *James City*, or *Williamsburg*, or *Urbanna* in *Middlesex*, as she has Acquaintances thereabouts. Whoever takes up the said Slave and delivers her to me, or secures her in any Jail so that I get her again, shall have 40s. Reward, besides what the Law allows. It is imagined she will endeavour to pass for a free Woman.

(2‖) DAVID HOBBS.

CHARLES CITY, *June* 6, 1774.

HAVING entered into the Executorship of the Estate of *Peter Eppes*, late of *Charles City* County, I find great Difficulty, from the disordered Situation of his Papers, and imperfect State of his Accounts, to gain a sufficient Insight into his Affairs; particularly his Administration on the Estate of his late Brother *Temple Eppes*, which was managed in such a careless Manner that few Vouchers or Entries appear on his Books for many considerable Sums that I know he paid for that Estate, which leads me to conclude there may be many more in the same Situation. I shall therefore be under an Obligation to those Gentlemen who had Money due from *Temple Eppes* at the Time of his Death, and received Payment of his Administrator, if they will inform me of the same, either by a Line, or through Mr. *Thomas Pleasants* of *Henrico* County.

WILLIAM ROYAL.

PETERSBURG, *June* 8, 1774.

AS I purpose giving up the Charge of the Store now under my Management at this Place, on Account of Messr. *William Cuninghame* and Co. of *Glasgow*, to *Alexander Horsburgh*, on the 1st of *September*, I beg the Favour of all those who have had Dealings with me, on Account of the above mentioned Company, to settle their Accounts before that Time, and grant Bond or other Specialty, that no Dispute may arise thereafter. The Store will be supplied with Goods, and carried on to the same Extent as usual, by Mr. *Horsburgh*.

THOMAS GORDON.

THE Subscriber begs Leave to inform the Publick, that (as soon as the Courts proceed on their Dockets) he proposes to practice as an Attorney in the County Courts of *York* and *James City*, and in the Court of *Hustings* at *Williamsburg*, and to continue his Practice in *New Kent* and *Charles City* Courts; and as his whole Time and Attention will be employed in this Business, he thinks he can safely promise the utmost Diligence and Punctuality in it. He proposes to attend, at his Lodgings (at Mrs. *Rind's*) in *Williamsburg*, the Day before (or after) the Courts of *York*, *James City*, and the *Hustings*, and in all publick Times, to receive the Commands of those that will employ him; and at other Times, his Clients Letters left there will be forwarded to him in *New Kent* by a careful Hand, who will receive and pay such Money at *Williamsburg* as the Convenience of his Clients requires. Titles will be examined, and Conveyances drawn with Care and Despatch, by

(‖) B. DANDRIDGE.

PRINCE EDWARD, *June* 10, 1774.

I WANT to hire for one, two, or three Years, a BLACKSMITH who understands the Business in all its Branches. If any One that can come well recommended, as an industrious, sober, obliging Man, will apply before the 1st of *September*, I will give him Wages sufficient to encourage him to persevere in his Business.

(‖) HENRY B. LIGHTFOOT.

To be SOLD, *at publick Auction, at* Westmoreland *Courthouse, on* Tuesday *the* 27*th of* September, *being* Westmoreland *Court Day*,

TWENTY very likely *Virginia* born SLAVES. Credit will be allowed until the 10th of *November* following, on giving Bond and good Security; the Bonds to bear Interest from the Day of Sale, if not punctually discharged.

RICHARD PARKER.

To be SOLD, *by Decree of* Hanover *Court, the* 9*th of* July, *on the Premises*,

THE HOUSES and LOTS in the Town of *Newcastle*, lately in Possession of *William Muir*, pleasantly situated on the main Street, and the Buildings very convenient to live private or publick, as the main Road runs close by, leading to *Newcastle* Bridge. Twelve months Credit will be allowed, the Purchaser giving Bond and approved Security to

SAMUEL PEARSON.
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

For LIVERPOOL,

THE Ship GREENWOOD, *Mackey Reed* Master, loads at *Norfolk*, has two Thirds of her Cargo already engaged, can take in 200 Hhds. of Tobacco on Liberty of Consignment. Any Gentlemen inclining to ship by her will please to send their Orders to Mr. *Richard Taylor* of *Petersburg*, Mr. *Richard Squire Taylor* in *King William* County, or to us at *Norfolk*.

GREENWOOD, RITSON, & MARSH.

For SALE,

A WELL accustomed ORDINARY in the Town of *Blandford*, which has always rented for 75l. a Year, it having many valuable Improvements and Conveniencies. Any Person inclining to view the Premises, and to be acquainted with the Terms, may apply to the Subscriber near said Town; who will also dispose of the Household and Kitchen Furniture, if it suits the Purchaser.

JOHN BUTLER, Senior.

YORK TOWN, *June* 16, 1774.

RUN away last Night from the Ship *London*, at Anchor before this Town, WILLIAM BECKLY, and NED, or MARGATE, two young Seamen belonging to the said Ship, who also stole the Jolly Boat, and some Provisions; the Boat has the Ship's Name on some Part of her and on the Oars, is painted white, has a white Bottom, and is very small. A Reward of 20s. will be given for the Sailors and the same for the Boat, besides what the Law allows, upon their being brought to the Ship.

MOSES ROBERTSON.

POETS CORNER.

HOPE.

SEE, from yon dark and melancholy Cell.
Whose glimmering Lamp emits a cheerless Ray;
At Base the wretched Captive seems to dwell,
While Sleep beguiles the tedious Hours away.
Stretch'd on the Straw (a coarse and rustling Bed)
No more his Eyes their nightly Vigils keep;
Without a downy Pillow for his Head,
His Eyelids fall, and yield to balmy Sleep.
Hope, that anticipates the future Joy,
Or soothes the Anguish of the present Hour,
Long did his waking Faculties employ,
And flattering Prospects to the Fancy bore.
Now gentle Sleep divests his Mind of Care,
And all his Sorrows in Oblivion lie;
See the bright Handmaid, Consolation, bear
And bring the long expected Ransom nigh.
Ev'n now, perhaps, she whispers in his Ear,
"Arise, thy wonted Liberty regain;
Some generous Friend has cancell'd the Arrear,
And bids thee break from Bondage and its Chain."
What though the gay Delusion soon is fled,
What though returning Day renews his Grief,
Still to bright Views and Expectations led,
His heaviest Woes admit some faint Relief.
Thus does each Prisoner of the earthly Clay,
Whom sad Affliction and Distress attend,
Expecting wait a future happy Day,
When every Care and every Grief shall end.
But not to mock the Fancy, or deceive
By vain Delusions, was fair Hope design'd;
Oft does its Power the sinking Soul relieve,
And realize sweet Comforts to the Mind.
How blest soe'er the present Hour may seem,
How full of Comfort, or how void of Care,
Hope makes the future Time our darling Theme,
And wisely bids us fix our Wishes there.
Forward we look, as she directs our View,
From helpless Childhood on to youthful Fire;
Which when attain'd, and riper Years ensue,
Our setting Sun we gaze at with Desire.
Thou Power supreme! thou most indulgent Heaven,
The Source of every Good to Mortals here;
Who hast in vain no human Passion given,
Or Hope or Joy, or smiling Love or Fear:
But chiefly this, which lights our Steps to thee,
And wide expands the Mind to Worlds unknown,
Oraspe the full Glories of Eternity,
And bids us call the Bliss of Heaven our own.
Still may its kindest Aid our Path attend,
To prove a solid and perpetual Prop;
So shall this fleeting Life with Transport end,
And, even in Death, our *Flesh shall rest in Hope.*

A valuable Sale of LANDS.

TO be sold, a TRACT of LAND in *Berkeley* and *Frederick* Counties, containing 12,076 Acres; it lies seven Miles on each Side of *Shenando* River, the Quantity on the east Side, being only a Slip of low Ground, is inconsiderable; the Quality of the Land is remarkably good, and the Conveniencies attending it great. There are two plentiful Streams of Water running through Marshes three Miles in Length, some of which are already reclaimed Meadows, and the rest, at a very small Expence, might soon be reduced to the like State. On each Side of the Streams Mills might be erected and Furnaces, the Land affording Stone, Lime, Iron, and Lead Ore. On one of the Streams I have already erected a complete Merchant Mill, with a Pair of the best *French* Burrs for grinding of Wheat, and a Pair of common Stones for grinding of Indian Corn; besides this, there is near the Dwelling-House a Tub Mill, and on the other Stream there is a valuable Saw Mill. There are five Settled and improved Plantations; on one of them is a good Stone House, two Stories high, with two Rooms on a Floor, a Kitchen, Dairy, and all other convenient Outhouses; on another Plantation, where *Michael Pike* lived, there is a good Stone House; and at the other Plantations there are Overseers Houses, Negro Quarters, Barns, Stables, Tobacco Houses, &c. The above Tract shall be either partitioned off in Lots of 1000 or 500 Acres, or sold bodily to one Purchaser. Belonging to this Estate there are 120 Negroes to be disposed of, together with all the Stocks of Cattle, usual to any in the Colony, Horses, Mares, Colts, Hogs, &c. likewise all the necessary Implements for the Planter or Farmer. Any Person or Persons inclinable to purchase are desired to make their Proposals to me at *Rockhill*, on *Rappahannock* River, or to leave them with the Overseer, who lives at the House Plantation, and will show the Land. In *November* I shall be on the Premises, and may then be personally treated with. Part of the Land, and some of the Negroes, belong to my eldest Son, who leaves to me the Disposition thereof, and will confirm any Engagement I enter into on his Part.

(6) RALPH WORMELEY.

To be SOLD, *on* Thursday *the* 10*th of* November, *at the* Rocky Ridge,

ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY choice SLAVES, late the Property of *John Waples*, Esq; deceased. Twelve Months Credit will be allowed, the Purchasers giving Bond, with approved Security, to

(6) FRANCIS EPPES.
HENRY SKIPWITH.

*** Five per Cent. Discount for ready Money.

STRAYED from the *Falls Plantation*, in *Chesterfield*, the Beginning of *March* last, two Mares, one of them a fine BAY, nine or ten Years old, four Feet six Inches high, a large Star in her Forehead, her near hind Foot white, bushy Mane and Switch Tail, paces, trots, and gallops, her Brand, if any, not remembered. The other is a LIGHTER BAY and somewhat larger, about twelve Years old, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, paces pretty fast, and canters, her Brand resembles INH in a Piece, but very imperfect. They were both supposed, when they went away, to be with Foal by my Horse *Rantor*. They went off together, and as one was bred in *Prince George*, and the other in *Mecklenburg*, or *Brunswick*, it is uncertain whether they might make down *James* River or outwards; but, as they have been gone some Time and not heard of, it is supposed they are gone out, and as they work well, may be kept up for that Purpose. I will give 4l. to whoever brings them to the said Plantation, and if taken up at any considerable Distance pay reasonable Charges, and 10l. to detect whoever may have kept them up to work, without doing what the Law directs.

WILLIAM BLACK.

RUN away from the Subscriber in *Norfolk*, on the 5th Instant, an Apprentice Boy named WILLIAM FORBES, about twenty Years old, a Silversmith by Trade; had on, when he went away, a Bearskin Jacket lined with Flannel, a Pair of white Breeches, white Shirt, Thread Stockings, and a Pair of *English* made Shoes with Pinchbeck pierced Buckles. He stoops in his Shoulders, wears his own Hair, and sometimes treads a little knock-kneed; he is very much given to Drink, and when drunk affects to imitate the *Irish* Accent. Whoever will take up the said Apprentice, and deliver him to the Subscriber in *Norfolk*, shall have 5l. Reward; and I forewarn all Masters of Vessels, and others, from harbouring him at their Peril.

JAMES MURPHREE.

Five Pounds Reward.

RUN away from the Subscriber, in *Prince George*, on *Monday* the 23d of *May*, an indented Servant Man named BENJAMIN PARROT, born in *London*, 32 Years of Age, five Feet six or seven Inches high, by Trade a House Carpenter, tolerably well made, dark Complexion, short black curling Hair, and has a down Look; had on, when he went away, a white Broadcloth Coat lately turned, a Lead coloured Cloth Waistcoat, white *Russia* Drill Breeches darned at both Knees, a white *Irish* Linen Shirt, a Pair of white Thread Stockings (one of which is much finer than the other) a Pair of coarse Shoes with very large Silver plated Buckles, and a very deep brimmed Felt Hat; he likewise took with him two new Check Shirts, and a Pair of new Osnabrug Trousers, which he carried in a *Virginia* Cloth Wallet, marked S M. The above Servant came in with Captain *Leitch*, of the *Elizabeth*, about two Months ago. Whoever secures the said Servant, so that I get him again, shall have 3l. or if delivered to me at *Flower de Hundred*, the above Reward. (tf) JOSHUA POYTHRESS, Junior.

WILLIAMSBURG, *June* 16, 1774.

WENT away last Week, a Negro Man named CATO, about five Feet four Inches high, speaks bad *English*, and is supposed to be gone to Mr. *Peter P. Thornton's* in *Northumberland*, to his Wife. Whoever delivers him to the Subscriber shall have 40s.

JOHN CARTER.

TAKEN up, in *Chesterfield*, a BLACK HORSE about four Feet four Inches high, and appears to be ten Years old, a Blaze in his Face, some Saddle Spots on his Back, but no Brand. Posted, and appraised to 7l.

EDWARD BRYER.

RUN away from the Subscriber, in *York* County, the 7th Instant *(June)* a small Mulatto Wench about fifteen Years old, named SALL, who took with her all her Wearing and Bed Clothes, amongst which were several *Dutch* Blankets. There went off with her, as her Husband, a Mulatto Fellow belonging to *John Hatley Norton*, Esq; and as they were seen to go by Colonel *Harwood's* Mill, I have Reason to believe they are lurking about *Williamsburg* or *Jamestown*. Whoever secures the said Wench, so that I get her again, shall have 20s.

PHILIP DEDMAN.

RUN away from the Subscriber, in *Nansemond* County, on the 2d Instant *(June)* a dark Mulatto Man named JACK, about 32 Years of Age, five Feet six Inches high, well made, bow legged, more so in the right than the left, has a Number of Scars on his Back, occasioned by a Whip for his Villainy, he is very artful and crafty, so that whoever takes him up must be very careful or else he will make his Escape. He took with him several Changes of Apparel. Whoever delivers the said Slave to me shall have TEN DOLLARS Reward if aken in the Colony, and if out thereof TWENTY DOLLARS.

SAMUEL BRADLEY.

N. B. I forewarn all Persons from carrying him out of the Colony, at their Peril.

RUN away from the Subscriber, about the 20th of *April*, a Mulatto Fellow named PETER BROWN, by Trade a Painter, but can do Carpenters Work, about 35 or 40 Years of Age, five Feet eight or nine Inches high, of a dark Complexion, slim made, thin Visage, has lost several of his upper fore Teeth, is fond of Singing and sings well, has several Suits of Clothes, therefore I cannot describe his Dress. He was some Years past tried for a Robbery, and found guilty, but obtained the Governour's Pardon on suffering one Year's Imprisonment. After that Time he was sold to Mr. *John Fox* of *Gloucester*, with whom he lived one or two Years; he then ran away and passed for a Freeman in the Counties of *King William*, *Caroline*, and *Hanover*, where he was taken up and brought home. As he has a Wife at Mr. *Benjamin Hubbard's*, it is likely he may be lurking in that Neighbourhood, or near *Petersburg*, where he was raised. Whoever takes up the said Runaway, and delivers him to me at *Osborne's*, shall have 40s. Reward. All Persons are forbid from harbouring or carrying him out of the Colony.

PETERFIELD TRENT.

COMMITTED to the Jail of *Surry* County, a Negro Woman who says her Name is JENNY, and that she belongs to *William Hobbs*; her Clothing is of Negro Cotton. The Owner is desired to take her away and pay Charges.

MICAJAH COGGAN, Jailer.

PORTSMOUTH, *June* 15, 1774.

A PURSE of 100 GUINEAS to be run for by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, over the Two-Mile Course at this Place, the best two Heats in three, on *Thursday* the 8th of *September*, carrying Weight for Age, agreeable to the Articles of the said Purse, which are to be seen in the Hands of Mr. *Richard Neston* Merchant there, with whom all Horses starting for said Purse are to be entered, the Day before the Race at farthest. The Money to be paid to the Winner immediately after the Race.——It is also proposed to have two more Races, one on the *Friday* following, for 50l. the other on *Saturday*, for 30l. which will be advertised particularly, as soon as the Subscriptions are full.

STOLEN, or STRAYED, last *November*, from the Subscriber, a BAY STALLION near five Feet high, with a hanging Mane and Switch Tail, no Brand that I remember, but a remarkable Cut, formerly made, in his Neck, which leaves a Sink that will hide your Thumb, paces slow, canters well, and trots hard. Whoever brings him to me, at *Richmond*, shall have 5l. Reward.

(4) PATRICK COUTTS.

To be SOLD *at* Belvoir, *the Seat of the Honourable* George William Fairfax, *Esq; in* Fairfax *County, on* Monday *the* 15*th of* August *next (pursuant to his Direction)*

ALL his HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE of every Kind, consisting of Beds and their Furniture, Tables, Chairs, and every other necessary Article, mostly new, and very elegant.——Ready Money will be expected from every Purchaser under 5l. and twelve Months Credit allowed those who exceed that Sum, upon their giving Bond and approved Security, to carry Interest from the Date, if the Money is not paid within forty Days after it becomes due.

(6) FRANCIS WILLIS, Junior.

To be RENTED, *from Year to Year, or for a Term of Years,*

BELVOIR, the beautiful Seat of the Honourable *George William Fairfax*, Esq; lying upon *Potowmack* River in *Fairfax* County, about fourteen Miles below *Alexandria*. The Mansion House is of Brick, two Stories high, with four convenient Rooms and a large Passage on the lower Floor, five Rooms and a Passage on the second, and a Servants Hall and Cellars below, convenient Offices, Stables, and Coach-House adjoining, as also a large and well furnished Garden, stored with a great Variety of valuable Fruits, in good Order. Appertaining to the Tract on which these Houses stand, and which contains near 2000 Acres (surrounded in a Manner by navigable Water) are several valuable Fisheries, and a good Deal of cleared Land in different Parts, which may be let altogether, or separately, as shall be found most convenient. The Terms may be known of Colonel *Washington*, who lives near the Premises, or of me in *Berkeley* County.

(tf) FRANCIS WILLIS, Junior.

MAY 14, 1774.

A DIVIDEND of the Cash collected from the Estate of Mr. *Robert Brent* will be made, in *Dumfries*, by the Trustees, the first *Monday* in *July*; at which Time and Place it is requested the Creditors will have their Accounts, properly adjusted, that every Person's Proportion may be ascertained. (6)

NANSEMOND, *April* 20, 1774.

WHEREAS the Concern of the Subscribers, by the Death of one of the Partners, is now dissolved, it is most earnestly requested of all those indebted to them, either in this Colony or *North Carolina*, to make immediate Settlement, by Payment or Specialty, as those who fail to comply need expect no Indulgence; and all those who have Demands against the said Concern are desired to make them known, and they shall be adjusted. The Books, &c. belonging to their Store in this County, are put into the Hands of Mr. *John M'Donald*, who is properly authorised to collect and grant Receipts, and will settle with all those who have Demands against the said Company. The Business will be carried on at their different Stores in this Colony and *North Carolina*, with the same good Usage, and Indulgence given as usual, under the Firm of *Archibald Hamilton* and Co. and the Management of Mr. *John Hamilton*. (tf) JOHN HAMILTON, & Co.

NORFOLK County.

At a Court held the 22*d Day of* APRIL, 1774.

William and *John Brown*, Merchants and Partners, Plaintiffs, against *John Knight*, Ship Master, and *George Kelly*, Vendue Master, Defendants, } In Chancery.

THIS Day came, as well the Plaintiffs, by *James Holt*, Gentleman, their Council, as the Defendant, *George Kelly*, in his proper Person, who filed his Answer. And the Defendant, *John Knight*, being beyond Sea, on the Motion of the Plaintiffs, by their Council aforesaid, it is ordered that the said Defendant *George*, who hath confessed Effects of the said *John Knight* in his Hands, do not pay, convey away, or secrete such Effects, until the farther Order or Decree of this Court concerning the same; that the said Defendant, *John Knight*, do appear here the third *Thursday* in *October* next, to answer the Plaintiffs Bill; and that a Copy of this Order be, within fifteen Days, inserted in the *Virginia* Gazette for two Months successively, and published on some Lord's Day, immediately after Divine Service, in the Church of the Parish of *Elizabeth River*, in the County aforesaid, and be also posted up at the Door of the Courthouse of the said County.

SAMUEL BOUSH, C. C.

To be let on CHARTER, *to any Part of* Europe, *or the* West Indies,

THE Brigantine *Hamilton*, Burthen about 300 Hogsheads, a new Vessel now on the Stocks, and will be ready to take on Board by the first of *June*. For Terms, apply to me in *Norfolk*.

(tf) ROBERT GRAY, & Co.

NORFOLK, *April* 21, 1774.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Number of Vessels will be wanted this Summer to bring about 6000 Tons of STONE from Mr. *Brooke's* Quarry on *Rappahannock*, and land the same on *Cape Henry*, for the Lighthouse. Any Person, or Persons, inclinable to engage in such Work, are desired to treat with *Matthew Phripp*, *Paul Loyall*, and *Thomas Newton*, Esqrs. The Directors of the Lighthouse will also be glad to purchase one or two FLAT BOTTOMED VESSELS, from 80 to 120 Tuns Burthen.

(tf) BASSETT MOSELEY.

NEABSCO FURNACE, *April* 1, 1774.

RUN away from the *Neabsco Furnace*, on the 16th of last Month, a light coloured Mulatto Man named BILLY or WILL, the Property of the Honourable *John Taylor*, Esquire. When I tell the Publick that he is the same Boy, who, for many Years, used to wait on me in my Travels through this and the neighbouring Province, and, by his Pertness, or rather Impudence, was well known to almost all my Acquaintances, there is the less Occasion for a particular Description of him. However, as he is now grown to the Size of a Man, and has not attended me for some Time past, I think it not amiss to say that he is a very likely young Fellow, about twenty Years old, five Feet nine Inches high, stout and strong made, has a remarkable Swing in his Walk, but is much more so by a surprising Knack he has of gaining the good Graces of almost every Body who will listen to his bewitching and deceitful Tongue, which seldom or ever speaks the Truth; has a small Scar on the right Side of his Forehead, and the little Finger of his right Hand is quite straight by a Hurt he got when a Child. He had on when he went away a blue Fearnought and an under Jacket of green Baize, Cotton Breeches, Osnabrug Shirt, a mixed blue Pair of Stockings, a Pair of Country made Shoes, and yellow Buckles. From his Ingenuity, he is capable of doing almost any Sort of Business, and for some Years past has been chiefly employed as a Founder, a Stone Mason, and a Miller, as Occasion required; one of which Trades, I imagine, he will, in the Character of a Freeman, profess. I have some Reason to suspect his travelling towards *James* River, under the Pretence of being sent by me on Business. Whoever apprehends the said Mulatto Slave, and brings him to me, or to his Master, the Honourable *John Taylor* of *Mount Airy*, or secures him so as to be had again, shall have double what the Law allows, and all reasonable Charges paid by

(tf) THOMAS LAWSON.

ROCKY MILL, HANOVER County, *April* 14, 1774.

RUN away from the Subscribers, on the 27th of *March*, two indented Servant Men, namely, JOSEPH GOTHARD, by Trade a Cooper, has a Scar over one of his Eyes and Ankles; had on a Drab coloured Frieze Jacket, with Metal Buttons, old Leather Breeches, a Half worn Hat, a Pair of Sale Hose, and a Pair of coarse Shoes. THOMAS JACKSON, by Trade a Coachman, about thirty Years of Age, of a ruddy Countenance, about five Feet eight Inches high, with light Hair; had on an old Hat, dark Broadcloth Coat much patched, an old *Virginia* Cloth blue twilled Jacket, with Pewter Buttons, without Sleeves, a Pair of very narrow Duck Trousers patched on each Knee with new Osnabrugs, a Pair of Country Shoes, and black Hose. Whoever will deliver both the above mentioned Servants at *Newcastle*, or the above mentioned Place, shall receive 5l. or 50s. for either, if taken in the Colony; and if in any other, reasonable Satisfaction will be made by the Subscribers.

JOHN SYME.
(tf) JOHN CHRENSHAW.

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Amelia* County, containing 500 Acres, about four Miles below the Courthouse, it is remarkable fine Land for Grain, and will bring good Tobacco. The Plantation is in good Order for Cropping, sufficient to work six or eight Hands, with all necessary Houses. Any Person inclinable to purchase may depend on having a Bargain, and know the Terms by applying to

(tf) WILLIAM MARSHALL.

For SALE,

ABOUT twelve Thousand Acres of exceeding rich TOBACCO LAND, in *Amherst* County, whereon are several Plantations and Improvements sufficient to work forty or fifty Hands. There is on the said Land for Sale a very valuable GRIST MILL, lately built, with a Stone Dam and a Pair of good *Cologne* Millstones, which Mill has for two Years past got upwards of 100 Barrels of Toll Corn, and is situated on a never failing Stream. The Land will be shown by *William Womack*, who lives at one of the the Plantations, and the Prices of the Land made known by him. One or two Years Credit will be allowed, Interest being paid for the second Year, and also for the first, if the Money is not paid agreeable to Contract. The Land is to be laid off and surveyed by Colonel *William Cabell*, at the Expense of the Purchaser. Deeds will be made upon Bond and approved Security being given, either to Colonel *William Cabell*, or the Subscriber. Six per Cent. Discount will be allowed for ready Money, or good Merchants Notes. If any Person will choose to exchange Lands in the lower Part of the Country, on or near some navigable River, that are good, it is more than probable we should agree.

(tf) CARTER BRAXTON.

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